

**From:** <jdavis@ccmail.howmet.com>  
**To:** A7.A7(rchong)  
**Date:** 8/31/95 11:15am  
**Subject:** Children's Television Act

Commissioner Rachelle Chong  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Dear Commissioner Chong:

I recently received e-mail from the Early Childhood Education On-Line internet discussion group (ECEOL-L@MAINE.maine.edu) urging me to support the proposed amendments to the Children's Television Act. However, I am writing to urge you to cast your vote AGAINST this regulation. Further, I believe that the regulation should be abolished entirely.

As the father of a 10 month old, I am not without interest in this issue. I hope that in the future, with his parents guidance, he will be able to watch and enjoy quality educational programming on television. I do not feel, however, that this act will make one bit of difference. I further believe that it is another example of over regulation, placing undue burdens on the television industry.

With the abundance of broadcast, cable and satellite programming available today, children's educational programs are readily available (PBS is one shining example... but that's another problem). If this programming is not being viewed by a child today, simply placing this programming on a different channel is not going to cause the child to watch it.

Coupled with the broadcast availability of programming is the availability of VCR's in homes today. Educational programs may be rented or purchased for home viewing.

As is true with almost every aspect of child development, the parent is ultimately responsible for what resources are used to aid the child's mental development.

In summary, I don't believe that there is any lack of educational programming available today. I further don't believe in forcing a broadcasting concern to air children's educational programs. Please vote AGAINST the Children's Television Act.

Sincerely,  
Jeffrey S. Davis  
210 S. First St.  
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**From:** Charles Atherton <ATHERTON@UA1VM.UA.EDU>  
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**Subject:** Children's Television

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Dear Commissioner Chong:

I have been asked to write to you in an effort to swing your vote in support of an act to require more children's television.

Unfortunately, the supporters of the act asked the wrong person! I have looked at the "fact sheet" and while I think that it is deplorable that children watch the Idiot's Lantern for so many hours, I do not think that government regulation is the appropriate answer.

As I understand the proposal, each station would have to have a set of educational objectives and would have to broadcast three hours of educational programming each week. Seems simple enough. The trouble is that there will be huge fights over WHICH objectives and how they will be handled. Someone will have to monitor the stations, and some kind of enforcement apparatus will have to be developed to insure that the stations are doing the job.

In short, the cure seems worse than the disease. After stations go to all this trouble, the children will switch to a cable channel or slip a contraband dirty movie in the videotape player!

I am not an arch-conservative. But I do tend to agree with their argument that it is folly to expect the federal government to cure all the ills of the human condition by some magical regulation.

This proposal would only increase paperwork and create a regulation problem while leaving children's viewing untouched. If children want educational television, it is available on their local public television stations. If their parents want them to watch it, they can write a check to their local public television station and supervise their children's television viewing. If parents won't exercise their responsibility, then nothing government can do will make much difference.

My advice is to vote "No."

Charles R. Atherton  
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**Date:** 8/31/95 11:54am  
**Subject:** (Copy) Vote for educational TV programming

Address corrected.

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Date: Thu, 31 Aug 95 11:39 EDT  
From: "Marcia E Herman-Giddens" <MHERMAN>  
To: rchang@fcc.gov  
Subject: Vote for educational TV programming

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As a grandmother of 4, I am very concerned about the quality of  
TV programming that children are exposed to. I URGE YOU TO VOTE  
FOR REQUIRING MORE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN. Thank you.  
Marcia Herman-Giddens, Director of Injury Studies  
University of North Carolina  
School of Public Health  
Department of Maternal and Child Health

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**From:** John Robertson <jroberts@gwbssw.wustl.edu>  
**To:** Commissioner Rachel Chong <rchong@fcc.gov>  
**Date:** 8/31/95 11:59am  
**Subject:** Quantitative guidelines

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As a social worker in Newark, NJ, I worked for the Essex County, New Jersey courts directing the court diversion program for teenagers who sell cocaine on the streets providing both in-patient and out-patient treatment to these young people and their families. These young people were exposed to violence every day of their lives. The educational system that serves them is in such bad repair that the State of New Jersey has just taken its management.

From their earliest years, these kids spend enormous amounts of time in front of the TV set. Television provides a real opportunity to expose them to a large brighter world than the one where they live.

I am very glad the Commission is considering these new rules to fully enforce the Children's Television Act. Please support a minimum of 3-5 hours a week of educational shows for kids. Disadvantaged kids need more than just violent cartoons.

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Thank-you for your consideration

John G. Robertson, Ph.D  
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George Warren Brown School of Social Work  
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**Date:** 8/31/95 1:43pm  
**Subject:** Quantitative guidelines for children's programming

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Dear Commissioner Chong:

I am writing to you both as a professional and as a parent who is concerned about the welfare of all our children. I am requesting that you vote for the newly proposed rules to require television stations to provide a minimum of 3-5 hours of educational programming per week.

It is clear that children can learn much, both desirable and undesirable, from TV. Because the airwaves are publically owned it is incumbent upon the FCC to insure that they are used in the best interest of the public, including our children. The market simply will not and cannot not insure that children's

interests are well considered.

Please vote to require 3-5 hours of educational programming per week.

Thank you.

Gregory E. Brown, PhD  
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Subject: Children's Programming

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Sincerely,

Ben Larson  
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Sincerely,  
Denise Suter  
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Sincerely,

Lisa Cantor Ganey lganey@nauvax.ucc.nau.edu  
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Flagstaff, AZ 86001

~~~~~ Ultimately it is the yearning to believe that anyone can be brought up to college level that has brought colleges down to everyone's level.

--William A. Henry III

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**Date:** 8/31/95 9:20am  
**Subject:** Children's Television Act

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Dear Commissioner Chong:

I am a parent of two--a five-year-old and an eight-year-old. I'm careful about their television viewing, but it's an uphill battle all the way. Please support parents like myself. Support the legislation requiring television stations to provide true educational children's programming.

Chris Clark  
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Honesdale, PA 18431

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**Subject:** Re- Children's Educational

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Sincerely,

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Dear Commissioner Chong:

I am the parent of two teen-agers and a five year old. My wife and I spend considerable effort trying to monitor all of our children's activities in a reasonable way, including the television that they watch. TV is a real presence in our house and has a tremendous potential influence (for good and bad) on my children.

I am very glad the Commission is considering new rules to fully enforce the Children's Television Act. Please support a minimum of 3-5 hours a week of educational shows for kids. It is a relatively small investment that can have tremendous benefit if done with a sense of quality and mission.

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Sincerely,

Dennis J. Sykes  
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**From:** Jennifer Heath <jheath@salus.med.uvm.edu>  
**To:** A7.A7(rchong)  
**Date:** 8/31/95 9:10am  
**Subject:** Children's Programming

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Dear Commissioner Chong,

As a pediatrician, I have studied the literature regarding children and television, and I have helped to educate families about the positive and negative roles that TV can play in their children's lives. I am frustrated by the lack of quality programming for children. This is especially problematic in this rural area where few choices exist.

I feel that our government should be taking a more active role in the education and protection of our children. I hope you will support quantitative requirements for children's television programming.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Heath, M.D.  
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Sincerely,

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**Date:** 8/31/95 8:23am  
**Subject:** Children's Television

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Dear Ms. Chong,

Most television is worthless, and I don't allow my children to watch broadcast TV for that reason, preferring to stick to videos so that I can control the content.

Please support the requirement of 3-5 hours a week of educational programming contained in the Children's Television Act. Every station should be required to provide at least this minimum amount. Voluntary controls just haven't worked.

Thank you for your attention!

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Margy Levine Young, on vacation, but still reading my mail! margy@gosport.com

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**From:** <Ann.Hains@csd.uwm.edu>  
**To:** A7.A7(rchong)  
**Date:** 8/31/95 5:54am  
**Subject:** educational television

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August 31, 1995

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Dear Commissioner Chong:

Please vote for the new rules to require television stations to provide a specific amount of educational programming for children each week.

As an early childhood interventionist, I feel that the minimum of 3-5 hours a week of educational shows on commercial broadcast television for children will allow a valuable resource to be accessible to ALL children, not just those whose families can afford it.

With your vote for the Children's Television Act, all our nation's children will benefit.

Sincerely,

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**Date:** 8/31/95 10:39am  
**Subject:** children's television act

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Dear Commissioner Chong,

I am writing to request that you support the quantitative regulations for children's program. As someone who has long been concerned about the welfare of children, I see this as a fundamental area of concern. Television has a great impact on the development of children and there needs to be stricter guidelines for children's television.

The evidence has clearly been shown that without regulations requiring a minimum amount of hours of children's programs, broadcasters will not provide children's programming. Therefore, it is imperative that we implement this policy of requiring a minimum of 3-5 hours of children's programming. As a researcher, teacher, and a concerned citizen, I ask for your support of this measure.

Sincerely,  
Cindy McGaha, M.S.  
University of North Carolina at Greensboro  
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**From:** Nathan Horwitz <nathan.horwitz@cabin.com>  
**To:** A7.A7(rchong)  
**Date:** 8/31/95 12:38am  
**Subject:** Children's TV

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I would like to lend my support to the proposal that would require every television station in the country to provide 3 to 5 hours a week of educational programming. Throughout my professional career as a social worker and as a faculty member at one of the California State Universities, I have been concerned with children and their recreation and educational activities. I think that this would be an excellent opportunity to enhance both.

I hope that you will support this proposed benefit for the nation's children.

Sincerely,

Nathan Horwitz  
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Los Angeles, CA 90066

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**From:** Paul Casey <caseyp@csf.Colorado.EDU>  
**To:** A7.A7(rchong)  
**Date:** 9/2/95 2:34am  
**Subject:** Need for strong regulation of TV in area of childrens ed. programming

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Dear Commisioner Chong:

As the father of a very bright 20 month old I strongly urge you to support proposed regulation of TV broadcasters to require that they provide educational programming of a significant kind for all children.

I am already somewhat dismayed at the power that the television seems to hold over my own child, and at the same time the reality that programming does not provide a standard of quality to enhance the development of her mind. Recently I heard an interview with Newton Minnow who over thirty years ago described the state of television programming as a vast wasteland. We really need a change for the better now. Your vote can make a difference for our society as a whole.

Please support a move toward realizing the tremendous positive potential of television as an instrument for human development. Help our children!

Sincerely,

Paul Casey  
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Dear Commissioner Chong,

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I am an Early Childhood Educator and the mother of two children, 11 and 16.

When my children were young we had TV and they (we) watched Sesame Street, Mr.

Rogers (my favorite), NOVA, and other PBS programs. As they grew and their interests grew and their awareness of what was on other channels expanded, it became difficult to monitor their TV viewing. Eventually I threw up my hands in despair and called the cable company to disconnect us. We get no reception without cable and use our TV for family video

miss some quality programs: sometimes we have friends tape specials for us. And we do get reconnected for a month every time the Winter Olympics rolls around.

It is absurd to me that a medium which could offer so much airs largely garbage that is not just a waste of time but also has a negative impact on the development of young minds, souls and bodies. I trust that in your role as a Commissioner who has a voice that can effect positive change, you will welcome the opportunity to speak out loudly and clearly in favor of educational programming.

Sincerely,

Margaret Bragg

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**From:** Jeanne Goodman <Jeanne\_Goodman@maceast.com>  
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Sincerely,

Jeanne Goodman  
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**Date:** 9/6/95 2:18am  
**Subject:** Please Help Children

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Dear Mrs. Chong:

I understand you are very involved with an important vote regarding mandation of educational television programming for children.

I am an elementary guidance counselor with twenty-two years of experience in education. I taught first and second grade for twelve years; this is my tenth year of guidance work. I take a proactive stance in education children; in guidance classes children are taught prosocial skills; conflict mediation; etc.

It goes without saying that our children are the most important resource we have.

It also goes without saying that the impact television has had on children is, by in large, not favorable due to poor programming. Too many programs are not developmentally appropriate.

Please cast a vote to mandate educational programming.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mary Decker, Ma.Ed.  
1284 Plainfield  
South Euclid, Ohio 44121

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Mary Decker gi636@cleveland.freenet.edu  
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Robert H. Dugger  
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Alexandria VA 22314

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Dear Ms. Chong,

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As a parent and early childhood educator, I urge you to support a quantitative guideline to enforce the Children's Television Act. I have become aware that networks are promoting such shows as the Flintstones as their educational television component. While I admit I grew up on the Jetsons and the Flintstones, I also had parents at home, who read to me daily, and monitored the amount of television I watch -- something sadly lacking in many of my inner-city students. Though I wish television wasn't used as a babysitter, that is reality in my student's homes. The parents have shown themselves willing to tune in to educational programming when it is available. This is a resource these kids sorely need. Please do what is within your power to encourage the growth of positive T.V. for kids.

Thanks,

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I have learned from WLO (Women Leaders Online) that some broadcasters are submitting as "Educational Programming" such shows as "The Jetsons," "G.I. Joe," "The Flintstones" and even "Beverly Hills 90210." This is ridiculous!

I'm writing to ask you to support the "Quantitative Guideline" to enforce the Children's Television Act. Let the networks know that the kind of "educational programming" YOU grew up with left you intelligent enough that you know when someone is trying to pull the wool over your eyes! G.I. Joe as Educational Programming? Educational as to what -- to teach our kids how to be cartoon characters who only know how to use violence to solve conflicts? The Flintstones to give them a warped view of pre-history, and make them believe dinosaurs existed at the same time as cars, phones, and people? This is not "education" that will help any child.

I hope you will let broadcasters know that you have our society's interests in mind, and that they will simply have to try harder. In an ideal society, everyone - even our broadcasters (imagine that) - would think of children and our future first. Since that does not seem to be the case, I am hoping we at least can count on you.

Thank you for your time; best wishes for the coming fall.  
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Message is Dear Commissioner Chong:

As someone who cares a lot about the future of our children, I am writing to ask you to please vote for new rules to require television stations to provide a specific amount of educational programming for children each week.

I am very glad the Commission is considering these new rules to fully enforce the Children's Television Act. Please support a minimum of 3-5 hours a week of educational shows for kids.

It took parents groups over twenty years to pass the Children's Television Act, yet now, without these "quantitative" guidelines, we continue to be frustrated by the slow pace of compliance by broadcasters.

Broadcasters have at their disposal an invaluable resource for children.

Yet the record shows that without stricter regulation, this positive potential for kids will remain unfulfilled. With your vote for substantive and meaningful implementation of the CTA, all our kids will benefit.

Sincerely,

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